BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-626-C - ORDER NO. 91-8

January 7, 1991

IN RE: Application of Southern Bell) ORDER GRANTING to Avail Itself of Incentive) PETITION TO Regulation of Its Intrastate) INTERVENE OUT Operation) OF TIME

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition to Intervene Out Of Time filed on behalf of Contel of South Carolina (Contel) filed on December 20, 1990 whereby Contel petitions the Commission to be allowed to intervene out of time in the proceedings on Southern Bell's Application to Avail Itself of Incentive Regulation.

In support of its Petition, Contel alleges that it seeks intervention because it is a telephone company which provides service in South Carolina and is interested in the evolving regulation in this area. Also, Contel participates in the intraLata toll pool with Southern Bell and concurs in a number of Southern Bell tariffs for the provision of intrastate services in South Carolina. Because of this activity with Southern Bell, Contel believes any change in the rates as a result of this proceeding could have an adverse impact on the Company. Thus, it wishes to intervene to address any issues which may arise and could be detrimental to Contel. The Company further alleges that

intervention by it will not cause any delays nor cause any prejudice against either party.

The Commission has considered the Petition to Intervene Out Of Time filed by Contel and finds that based upon the allegations contained in the Petition, Contel has demonstrated good cause to intervene in this matter. The Commission finds that it is in the public interest to allow Contel to intervene out of time and to be a party of record in the instant matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

VICE Chairman

ATTEST:

(SEAL)